

Intangible Cultural Heritage Update

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Note from editor: This is a short issue, but don't despair! Our big December Mummering Issue will soon be here!

Dance NL Launched

We are pleased to announce the creation of DanceNL, Newfoundland and Labrador's sectoral dance association. DanceNL is a brand new organization, whose mandate is to preserve, promote and support all forms of dance and dance activities throughout the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. After consultation with members of the province's dance communities, on Sunday, September 20, 2009, we formed a Founding Board whose goal is to create a formal board in one year's time. DanceNL is about to begin its first project, the DanceNL Road Map.

The purpose of the Road Map is to collect as much information as possible from as many communities as possible in order to discover who is dancing, what they are dancing and where they are dancing. At this time, the Founding Board wishes to begin the process of identifying individuals (dancers, choreographers, dance teachers, dance scholars) and groups (dance schools, dance performance groups, social dance groups) across the province.

The DanceNL Roadmap document and website will serve as a vital reference to ensure our organization is inclusive of all forms of dance being practiced in our province. As well, it will act as a catalyst to network dancers, practitioners and dance enthusiasts giving us a stronger presence provincially, nationally and internationally.

We are looking to get the word out to dancers across the province. Board members include: Kristin Harris Walsh (chair), Martin Vallee (treasurer), Christina Penney (secretary), Calla Lachance, Richard Stoker, Sarah Stoker, Andrew Draskoy, Diana Leadbeater.

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My Weekend in Winterton

by Jed Baker, ICH Intern

A few weeks ago I awoke early on a Saturday morning, climbed into my car, and drove two hours from St John's to Winterton to attend the second annual Wooden Boat Conference.

Arriving at the Winterton Recreation Center, I opened the doors and was faced with a large punt in the middle of the room surrounded by smaller artifacts and images along the walls of the center, and several dozen men and women enjoying a series of talks and slide shows on various elements of wooden boats in Newfoundland & Labrador.

Hosted by the Wooden Boat Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador, the day was full of informative presentations and enthusiastic discussion. Robert Halliday of St. John's discussed in depth his painstaking research of the *Indeavour*, a ship that existed centuries ago, and unveiled his accurate model to a round of applause and sighs of admiration.

Joe Goudie of Happy Valley Goose Bay shared his canoe-making techniques, and Gerald Crews of Grand Bank showed us many photographs of dories from all over the province.

The afternoon held presentations on boat builders and their current projects, the task of museums to attract visitors, the ongoing Cupids 400 project, and a photographic essay by Dennis Flynn entitled, "For the Love of Boats," which introduced us to "The

Seven Cs," among them, Creativity and Character.

The evening was rounded out with a visit to the Wooden Boat Museum, a dinner, and a kitchen party. Anyone with even a passing interest in wooden boats and their history in Newfoundland & Labrador should try to make it out to Winterton next year for the next annual meeting - I know I'll be there.

Photo: Robert Halliday shows off his newly completed model of the *Indeavour*. Photo by Jed Baker.



Resources:

Look Aft and Learn! The Wooden Boat Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador:
<http://www.woodenboatnl.com/>

Boat Building Special Topic Collection on the ICH website:
<http://tinyurl.com/yjqqug6>

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